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SPECIFICATION

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WIRELESS COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATION METHOD

of which the following is a specification:-

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION APPARATUS AND
WIRELESS COMMUNICATION METHOD

5 BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

The present invention generally relates to a wireless communication apparatus and a wireless communication method. More particularly, the present invention relates to a wireless communication apparatus and a wireless communication method in which multipath interference is relieved.

2. Description of the Related Art

Fig.1 shows an configuration example of a mobile communication system. The mobile communication system includes mobile stations 22 and a base station 23 which are placed in each area. In addition, there is an obstacle 24 which reflects radio wave of mobile wireless communication.

In this configuration, when the base station 23 radiates a radio wave to the mobile station 22, the radio wave is reflected by the obstacle 24 so that the direct wave 25 and the reflected wave 26 arrive at the mobile station 22 via a plurality of paths. This is called multipath.

In the mobile station 22, when the direct wave 25 and the reflected wave 26 arrive at the antenna, they interfere with each other. As a result, when the direct wave 25 and the reflected wave 26 have opposite phases, signals are attenuated significantly. When the direct wave 25 and the reflected wave 26 are in phase, signals are amplified.

The level of received wave in the mobile station varies significantly according to the position of the mobile station due to the interference caused by the multipath. It is known

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that the interference occurs by wavelength of the wave.

Conventionally, in order to decrease degradation of signal transmission quality due to attenuation caused by interference and to keep good receiving state, a space diversity system is adopted in which a plurality of antennas which are placed different positions and/or which have different directions are provided for receiving signals.

In addition, for example, when communication which uses spreading codes is performed and when the phases of the direct wave and the reflected wave are not completely opposite so that they are not completely canceled, a RAKE receive system is adopted in which a plurality of receive circuits are provided such that the phases of the direct wave and the reflected wave are adjusted when they are received.

Describing the RAKE receive more precisely, the multipath direct wave 25 and the reflected wave 26 shown in Fig.1 are received in different time positions with respect to the time base shown as the direct wave 27 and the reflected wave 28 in Fig.2. Thus, by adding delays to the direct wave 27 and the reflected wave 28 properly and synthesizing them, it becomes possible that a plurality of multipaths can be synthesized and received.

However, according to the above-mentioned system, since a plurality of antennas are necessary, there is a problem in that the size of the mobile station becomes large.

In addition, in the RAKE receive system, there is a problem in that it is difficult to prevent interference between the direct wave and the reflected wave caused in the antennas, and, interference between received codes at the time of demodulation.

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

It is an object of the present invention to decrease interference by the multipath significantly to improve signal transmission quality without increasing the size of the mobile station.

The above object of the present invention is achieved by a wireless communication apparatus including:

10 a multipath detection part which detects a state of multipath in the wireless communication apparatus; and

a send part which sends multipath detection information detected by the multipath detection part to a wireless communication apparatus at the other end.

According to the present invention, the wireless communication apparatus at the other end can detect a state of multipath in the wireless communication apparatus which sent the multipath detection information and send a multipath component canceling signal.

The above object of the present invention is also achieved by a wireless communication apparatus including:

25 a multipath component canceling signal generation part which generates a signal which cancels a multipath component in a wireless communication apparatus at the other end on the basis of multipath detection information representing a state of multipath sent from the wireless communication apparatus at the other end; and

35 a send part which sends the signal which cancels the multipath component generated in the multipath component canceling signal generation part to the wireless communication apparatus at the other

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end.

According to the present invention, it becomes possible to remove or decrease influence of multipath in the wireless communication apparatus at the other end by sending the signal for canceling the multipath component to the wireless communication apparatus at the other end.

In the above-mentioned wireless communication apparatus, the multipath component canceling signal generation part may includes:

a multipath component generation part which generates a multipath component on the basis of the multipath detection information representing the state of multipath in the wireless communication apparatus at the other end; and

an interference wave detection part which detects an interference wave occurring between the multipath component and a send wave.

According to the present invention, the multipath component canceling signal can be generated.

In the above-mentioned wireless communication apparatus, the interference wave detection part may includes:

a filter part which filters a synthesized wave of the multipath component and the send wave; and

an interference wave signal generation part which generates an interference wave signal corresponding to that in the wireless communication apparatus at the other end by comparing output signal from the filter part and the send wave.

According to the present invention, the interference wave signal corresponding to an interference wave signal in the wireless communication apparatus of the other end can be generated.

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an opposite phase part which changes a
phase of the interference wave signal to an opposite
5 phase of the phase; and

Accordingly, by sending the phase opposite
10 interference wave signal, the influence of multipath
in the wireless communication apparatus at the other
end can be removed or decreased.

Accordingly, the signal which cancels the
20 multipath component or interference opposite phase
wave occurring at a time position of multipath which
has no interference can be canceled so that it can
be prevented that the multipath component which does
not receive interference is attenuated.

a wireless communication apparatus sending
a signal which cancels a multipath component in a
30 wireless communication apparatus at the other end to
the wireless communication apparatus at the other
end with a send signal.

In the above-mentioned wireless communication method, the signal which cancels the multipath component is a signal inverted from an interference wave signal generated from the multipath component in the wireless communication

5 a first wireless communication apparatus
detecting a state of multipath in the first wireless
communication apparatus;
 the first wireless communication apparatus
sending multipath detection information on the state
10 to a second wireless communication apparatus;
 the second wireless communication
apparatus receiving the multipath detection
information;
 the second wireless communication
15 apparatus generating a signal for canceling a
multipath component in the first wireless
communication apparatus on the basis of the
multipath detection information; and
 the second wireless communication
20 apparatus sending the signal for canceling the
multipath component to the first wireless
communication apparatus.

According to the present invention, a wireless communication method which is applicable to the above-mentioned wireless communication apparatus can be provided in which interference due to multipath can be significantly decreased so that signal transmission quality is improved without increasing the size of a mobile station.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Other objects, features and advantages of the present invention will become more apparent from the following detailed description when read in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig.1 shows an configuration example of a

mobile communication system;

Fig.2 shows a receive state in a mobile station in the mobile communication system;

Fig.3 is a block diagram of a wireless communication apparatus of a first embodiment;

Fig.4 is a block diagram of a wireless communication apparatus of a second embodiment;

Fig.5 is a figure for explaining generation of an interference wave in the wireless communication apparatus;

Fig.6 is a block diagram of a wireless communication apparatus of a third embodiment;

Fig.7 shows a synthesized wave 15 of a send wave 13 and a multipath wave 14;

Fig.8 is a figure for explaining an interference wave;

Fig.9 shows characteristic 21 of a filter part 8 and output signal from the filter part (send wave + multipath synthesized wave 17);

Fig.10 shows the interference wave 18 generated by a comparison part 7;

Fig.11 shows an interference signal opposite phase wave + send wave which is synthesized in a synthesis part 10;

Fig.12 shows received phase signals which are received by the mobile station which receives the signal shown in Fig.11;

Fig.13 shows a signal which is restored in the mobile station;

Fig.14 is a figure for explaining a opposite phase wave of the interference opposite phase wave 19.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS

In the following, embodiments of the present invention will be described with figures.
(first embodiment)

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The wireless communication apparatus (for example, mobile station) includes a wireless part 1 and a multipath detection part 2 which detects multipath.

20 The detection information 12 of the
multipath detected by the multipath detection part 2
includes relative delay time of the path, relative
level of the path and the like, for example.

(second embodiment)

In Fig.4, the wireless communication apparatus (for example, the base station) includes a wireless part 1 and a multipath component canceling signal generation circuit part 3.

35 The wireless part 1 receives multipath
detection information 12 sent from a wireless
communication apparatus at the other end of

communication (the mobile station, for example) and provides the multipath detection information 12 to the multipath component canceling signal generation circuit part 3.

5 The multipath component canceling signal generation circuit part 3 generates a multipath component canceling signal 16 for canceling multipath components from the multipath detection information 12, and provides the multipath component
10 canceling signal 16 to the wireless part 1. The wireless part 1 sends the multipath component canceling signal provided by the multipath component canceling signal generation circuit part 3.

 The multipath component canceling signal
15 is sent to the wireless communication apparatus which sent the multipath detection information with a send wave.

(generation of interference wave)

 Fig.5 is a figure for explaining
20 generation of an interference wave in the wireless communication apparatus (the base station, for example).

 The wireless communication apparatus includes a send wave generation part 4, a multipath
25 generation part 5, a synthesis part 6 and a comparison part 7.

 The send wave 13 output from the send wave generation part 4 is provided to the multipath
30 generation part 5, the comparison part 7 and the synthesis part 6.

 The multipath generation part 5 generates a multipath wave 14 on the basis of the multipath detection information detected by the mobile station, for example, and provides the multipath wave 14 to
35 the synthesis part 6. The synthesis part 6 synthesizes the send wave 13 and the multipath wave 14, and provides the synthesized wave 15 to the

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comparison part 7. The synthesized wave 15 represents a signal which replicates the state of the multipath received by the mobile station. The comparison part 7 compares the send wave 13 with the synthesized wave 15, generates an interference wave 18 and outputs the interference wave 18 to a terminal 30.

(third embodiment)

The wireless communication apparatus of the third embodiment is configured as shown in Fig.6 for example.

As shown in Fig.6, the wireless communication apparatus (the base station, for example) includes a wireless part 1, a send wave generation part 4, a multipath generation part 5, a synthesis part 6, a comparison part 7, a filter part 8, an opposite phase part 9 and a synthesis part 10.

The wireless part 1 provides the multipath detection information 12 received from the wireless communication apparatus shown in Fig.3 to the multipath generation part 5. The send wave generation part 4 provides the send wave 13 to the multipath generation part 5, the synthesis part 6, the comparison part 7 and the synthesis part 10.

The multipath generation part 5 generates a multipath wave 14 based on the multipath detection information sent from a wireless communication apparatus at the other end (the mobile station, for example) and provides the multipath wave 14 to the synthesis part 6.

The synthesis part 6 synthesizes the send wave 13 and the multipath wave 14, and provides the synthesized wave 15 of the send wave 13 and the multipath wave 14 to the filter part 8. Fig.7 shows the synthesized wave 15 of the send wave 13 and the multipath wave 14.

In the synthesized wave, as shown in Fig.8,

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filtered by the filter part 8 are added, the send wave 13 is restored.

The synthesis part 10 synthesizes the interference signal opposite phase wave 19 provided from the opposite phase part 9 and the send wave 13 provided from the send wave generation part 4 and provides the interference signal opposite phase wave + send wave 20 to the wireless part 1. Fig.11 shows the interference signal opposite phase wave + send wave 20 which is synthesized in the synthesis part 10. The wireless part 1 sends the interference signal opposite phase wave + send wave 20 by wireless communication.

In the following, a case when the interference signal opposite phase wave + send wave 20 sent from the wireless part 1 of the wireless communication apparatus (the base station, for example) shown in Fig.6 is received by the wireless communication apparatus at the other end (the mobile station, for example) shown in Fig.3 will be described.

(operation in the wireless communication apparatus shown in Fig.3)

(step 1) The wireless communication apparatus shown in Fig.3 sends the multipath detection information detected by the multipath detection part 2 to the wireless communication apparatus at the other end.

(operation in the wireless communication apparatus shown in Fig.6)

(step 2) The wireless communication apparatus shown in Fig.6 receives a signal sent from the wireless communication apparatus shown in Fig.3. Then, the multipath generation part 5 generates multipath component from the multipath detection information indicating multipath state of the wireless communication apparatus shown in Fig.3.

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5 (step 4) The filter part 8 performs
filtering in which the signal synthesized by the
synthesis part 6 is flittered to a band of basic
waves.

(step 6) The phase of the interference
15 wave signal which is output from the comparison part
7 is changed to opposite phase by the opposite phase
part 9.

25 (step 8) The wireless communication
apparatus 1 shown in Fig.3 receives signals shown in
Fig.12.

The closed loop for removing multipath may
35 be performed in which the multipath detection part 2
detects the reflected wave 28 by using a path
searcher in the multipath detection part 2 before

the wave passes through a filter part 8 in the RAKE
of the multipath detection part 2, then, the
multipath detection information 12 is sent from the
wireless part 1 so that the wireless communication
5 apparatus shown in Fig.6 gets feedback.

In addition, in the above description, the
interference opposite phase wave is generated with
respect to the multipath interference wave having
delay time "a" as shown in Fig.7. However,
10 multipath interference having delay time other than
"a" can be prevented by generating interference
opposite phase wave with respect to multipath
interference wave having delay time other than "a".

In addition, a multipath which is not
15 interfered becomes a part of received signal after
received by RAKE. Thus, it is necessary to prevent
that received signal is attenuated due to the
interference opposite phase wave for the multipath
which is not interfered.

For this purpose, as shown in Fig.14, when
20 there is a multipath which has delay time "b" in
which interference does not occur, the wireless
communication apparatus shown in Fig.6 sends a wave
adding a phase opposite wave of the interference
25 opposite phase wave 19 at a time position of delay
time "b" on the basis of notification from the
wireless communication apparatus at the other end in
order to remove the influence of the interference
opposite phase wave.

In the above-mentioned description,
30 although an example in which a base station sends a
signal and a mobile station receives it is described,
the present invention can be applied also to a case
in which the mobile station sends a signal and the
35 base station receives it. In addition, the present
invention can be applied to communication between
base stations and communication between fixed

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stations.

As mentioned above, according to the present invention, it becomes possible to decrease interference caused by multipath by receiving
5 multipath detection information and sending opposite characteristic component of the multipath with a send signal.

The present invention is not limited to the specifically disclosed embodiments, and
10 variations and modifications may be made without departing from the scope of the invention.

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